

STA220H1F - The Practice of Statistics - Fall 2012
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Tutorials - starting Sept. 17-18

Tutorials meet for one hour per week. The major purpose of tutorial is discussion and review of course material; no new material will be covered. In preparation for tutorial, you should do the weekly assignment, which will be posted at the course web page. **Assignment #1 (to be posted at the web site) is due at your first tutorial.** These assignments will be discussed at tutorial; solutions will not be posted.

There will be some brief assessment grade at each tutorial (0 – 5 scale). TA's will have some freedom in choosing their approach; e.g. there may be a short quiz based on the assignment and/or classroom discussion/participation and/or submission of part of the assignment. We hope these easy marks will encourage you to keep up with the work; do not view this as meaningful feedback on your achievement level or your preparedness for tests. At the end of term, your TA will submit a 0 -15 grade for you. All TAs will be required to submit similar grades at course end (i.e. similar percentage of 15's, 14's, etc.), regardless of whether their quiz average is 2 or 5, so there will be no disadvantage due to your TA's particular approach. We expect of the majority of students who make a steady effort to receive at least 13 marks out of 15.

The location of your tutorial will be posted on the course web page prior to 10am, Sept 17. Records are kept by tutorial so please attend the one you are properly enrolled in, **to prevent missing marks.**

If you miss a tutorial/quiz due to illness, late enrolment, etc., please discuss with your TA, and not your lecturer or the course coordinator. Your TA has full discretionary power to deal with, and adjust tutorial grades for, such things. If ill, bring some proof.

Course Content

Content, emphasis, etc. of the course is defined by means of the lecture - *not the texts*. It is important to attend all lectures, as there is normally no simple way to make up for missed lectures. There will also be many lecture examples using Minitab, the statistical software chosen for this course. *Important announcements, problem sets, handouts, practice tests, tutorial and aid centre info, etc., will be posted on the course homepage, or occasionally emailed out. So check the web site (via the portal) and your UTOEmail account regularly.*

Required Texts

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You can avoid some frustration, by ordering online from the bookstore: www.uoftbookstore.com/online/
The web site www.mymathlab has additional learning aids such as online quizzes and exercises, interactive applets, podcasts, animations, and a student solutions manual. Your lecturer will give you the required access code for this course.

Additional Sources of Help (starting Sept. 17)

Your primary source of help with difficulties is your TA in the scheduled tutorial, but additional assistance will be available at the **Statistics Aid Centre**, Room 1091, in Sidney Smith Hall and the **CQUEST** computing site in the Ramsey Wright building (info at www.cquest.utoronto.ca). A schedule will be posted at the course website. Your own TA will be available for help at one or both of these sites for a total of two hours per week, but you can always drop in on any Sta220 TA present.

You may also obtain help with course material at the **New College Stat Aid Centre**, in Wetmore Hall 68A (enter from Huron St), where we will have Statistics TAs present, for 15 - 20 hours per week, to help with various intro stats courses including STA220. Go to <http://www.utstat.utoronto.ca> (Home>Statistics Aid Centres) to see the precise schedule.

Additional Help

There are electronic discussion forums at the course web page where you can communicate with other students in the course, as well as with the course lecturers (please use in place of email). For very general administrative queries, the Statistics departmental office can be reached at stats@utstat.utoronto.ca or 416-978-3452.

Evaluation

Your tutorial grade is worth 15% of your final grade. The remaining portion of your grade will be equal to either $\{0.35 \times \text{Term Test} + 0.5 \times \text{Final Exam}\}$, or $\{0.15 \times \text{Term Test} + 0.7 \times \text{Final Exam}\}$, whichever is higher.

The date and time of the term test is: Oct 24, 6:10pm – 7:55pm

It will be written in various rooms across campus (based on your tutorial) - check the course web page later for locations. **There will be an alternative writing time**, for those with *proof of a conflict*: If this applies to you, be sure to submit your course schedule to your lecturer at least *2 weeks before the test date*.

Though tests/exams place a very minor emphasis on formulae, you are allowed a one-sided 8-1/2"x 11" (standard letter size) hand-written aid sheet on the term test (two-sided on final exam). **Programmable calculators are not permitted on tests or exam. You must bring your student identification to term tests as well as the final exam.**

The final exam will consist of 30 multiple-choice questions (5 choices each). A correct answer receives 3.33 marks. An unanswered question receives 0.67 marks. The term test is, for the most part, not multiple-choice. Both will be similar in format to some old term tests and final exams that will be posted at the course web page.

Missed Tests

There are **no make-up tests**. Should you miss the term test due to illness, you are required to submit, within one week, a '**U of T Student Medical Certificate**', completed by your doctor, to your lecturer or to SS6018 (Stats office). You can obtain this form from your college registrar, the Office of the Faculty Registrar (SS1006), or the Koffler health service. *The test's weight will be shifted to the exam. If this documentation is not received, your test mark will be zero.*

Calculators

Hand calculators are cheap and useful. Any cheap one with a square root button and basic memory will do. Mean, standard deviation, sum, and sum of squares keys may save you a bit of time on occasion, but we do not recommend the purchase of expensive calculators to get keys with special statistical calculations. Tests and exams will be designed so that those calculators give no advantage. We emphasize the use of Minitab software for doing any tedious or complex calculations.

Computing

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accompanying the textbook, at the web site http://wps.pearsoned.ca/ca_ph_deveaux/204/52457/13429053.cw/index.html or at www.mymathlab.com. It is also possible to lease Minitab (professional version) for short-term use at www.minitab.com/academic (click on *Pricing and Licensing*), and to download a 30-day free trial version from the www.minitab.com website. CQUEST computing accounts may be obtained by going to www.cquest.utoronto.ca and clicking on '**Request an Account**'. If you do not purchase and install Minitab on your home computer, you will need this CQUEST account to use Minitab at CQUEST sites on campus (it is not possible to log on to CQUEST's Minitab program from your home). Stick to the CQUEST rooms in Ramsey Wright Bldg.

You will use Minitab on nearly every assignment. **Always bring to tutorial the full computer output**, along with your written answers. Computing problems frequently arise, so do your assignment early, and be prepared to come back another day or time, if the printer gets jammed, etc. Expect no special consideration by your TA for 'technical problems'.

Academic Offences

Academic offences are unacceptable and harm everyone. E.g., some students have been known to alter a test paper after it is graded, and then re-submit it hoping for more marks - really! But, offenders are caught, and **sanctions can be severe** - zero in the course with annotation on the transcript for several years; suspension for a year; even expulsion. Various measures, announced and unannounced, will be taken throughout the year to reduce their incidence and to ensure successful prosecution (photocopying of graded tests, multiple versions of multiple choice exams, etc.). And please carefully note the following:

- ❖ Requests for a test remark will be considered only if you **write your test in ink**.
- ❖ **Grading oversights** such as addition errors and overlooked work must be reported to your TA *immediately* upon receiving your test paper at class. *So check it over as soon as you get it back.*

Feel free to discuss weekly assignments with others, but in the end, be sure to do all the computations, work and final write-up by yourself (i.e. plagiarism is unacceptable).

Accessibility Needs

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Final Comments

For most students, Statistics is a new subject. Like most new subjects, it seems difficult at first but simple in retrospect. Many new concepts will be introduced and built upon. The course will be far easier and more useful if you master concepts and terminology as they are introduced - *similar to learning a new language*. Doing the exercises is not like calisthenics or jogging, which are good for you no matter how your mind wanders as long as you go through the motions. *Think about the objectives of the study, why a particular method was used, and what has been learned about the original questions that motivated the study!*

The lecturers and TA's are there to help. Ask questions! If you have any comments or suggestions about the course, please tell us. We want to know what is good; we want to know when problems are developing. Remember that it takes time for information to travel and for action to be taken. Therefore, if you become aware of any problems, mention this to your instructors right away.

STA220H1 F (LEC0201) - The Practice of Statistics I - Fall 2012

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Quizzes

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Midterm Test/Final Exam

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- (ii) **Regrading requests** will only be considered for **term tests** which are written in **ink**

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Textbook (SDM 1st Cdn edition by DeVeaux, et al) chapter references are in parentheses.

Do many of the odd problems in SDM for practice (the answers for these are at the back of the text)

Week 1: Introduction to course, overview. Cases and variables, categorical & quantitative variables. Worksheet organization of data. Relative frequency distribution. Bar charts & Pie Charts for categorical variables. Two way tables; marginal and conditional distributions. Simpson's paradox. Introduction to Minitab. (2-3)

Week 2: . Quantitative variable plots: Dotplots, histograms, stem and leaf plots. Shapes of distributions, outliers. Summation notation. Sample mean, median, mode (modal class), trimmed mean. Resistant measures. Standard deviation. The empirical rule. Calculating mean & standard deviation for grouped data. (4)

Week 3: Percentiles. 5-number summary and boxplots. Comparing distributions. Z-scores. Linear and non-linear transformations of data. Density curves and the normal distribution. Normal probability (quantile) plot (5-6)

Week 4: Bivariate data: Scatterplots & correlation. Cautions. The least-squares line, coefficient of determination, residual plots, outliers & influential observations; lurking variables, association & causality. (7-9)

Week 5: Collecting data: Observational studies and randomized experiments. Sample vs population characteristics. Random samples (SRS, stratified, systematic, cluster & multistage). Sampling and non-sampling errors. Bias. Designing experiments: comparison, randomization, blocking, factorial design. (12-13)

Week 6: Probability and relative frequency. Sample space, outcomes, and events. Rules of calculation for probabilities. Conditional probability (with a Bayes example via tree diagram). Statistical independence. Estimating probabilities by computer simulation. (11, 14-15)

Week 7: Two useful counting rules (combinations, sequential operations). Discrete random variables and probability functions. Expectation (mean) and variance of random variables and linear combinations (e.g. sums, differences, averages). The binomial distribution, applications, mean and variance (using sums of Bernoulli variables), the sample proportion. (16-17)

Week 8: Continuous random variables and density functions. The normal approximation of binomial. Sampling distributions. Distribution of the sample mean (and total). The Central Limit Theorem. (17-18)

Week 9: Margin of error, Confidence Intervals for μ (σ known / large n) and p (large sample), and sample size. Exact and Plus 4 confidence intervals for p . Statistical tests of hypothesis: observed and fixed levels of significance (P-value, α -level). Tests for μ (σ known) and p . (19-20)

Week 10: Decision errors - types I & II, and power (with a z-test calculation). Testing hypotheses via confidence intervals. Statistical vs. practical significance. Multiple tests and data snooping. Test & C.I. for μ with unknown variance: the Student t distribution. Robustness of t procedures (via simulations). Power of the t-test (using graphs or Minitab). (21, 23)

Week 11: Two independent samples: large sample z-test & C.I. for comparing the means. Small sample t-tests comparing two population means: pooled & unpooled variance procedures. Paired comparison t-test, and a nonparametric (distribution-free) approach - the sign test. (24-25)

Week 12: Comparing designs: paired comparison vs. independent groups. Robustness, transformations, power (via Minitab). Comparing proportions with z-test. Final case study (video: the AZT trials). Overview of inferential procedures. (24-25, 22)